

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Manabu Kato) : Examiner: James Phan
Appln. No.: 08/951,635) : Group Art Unit: 2872
Filed: October 17, 1997) : Confirmation No.: 1809
For: SCANNING OPTICAL APPARATUS) May 29, 2009

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Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Sir:

Introductory Comments

In response to the Official Action dated April 29, 2009, reconsideration in view of the following remarks is earnestly solicited.